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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, CI Staff/DDP

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ATTENTION :

SUBJECT : Request for Release, UMY-20 Recorder

1. An operational requirement has been established for the use of a magnetic tape recorder to record voice annotated notes during the course of a mission. The purpose of the requirement is to relieve the operator of Project IDEALIST vehicles of the need for preparation of handwritten notes, and thus allow him to spend more time and attention to the operation of the vehicle.

2. A number of units have been examined, and personnel of TSD have been requested to assist us in the search for other recorders suitable for our needs. However, of units examined to date, the UMY-20 appears to be the unit which most nearly meets our needs. Until such time as a better recorder can be located and brought into the program, we request permission to use subject item.

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3. The conditions of use are as follows:

a. The recorder unit will be installed in Project IDEALIST vehicles which are normally operated by

b. The manner of installation will make it difficult, if not impossible, for the operator to examine the unit. (This condition is normal for much of the installed equipment in Project vehicles)

c. The unit will be serviced, installed, and recovered by personnel performing their work in security controlled areas.

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d. Playback (data reduction) of the recorded information will be performed by personnel.

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e. Loss of the recorder to unfriendly persons is possible, though unlikely, and would happen only in the event the complete vehicle is lost and subsequently recovered by said unfriendly persons.

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4. For further information, you may contact [redacted]
[redacted] of the Communications and Field Electronics Division,
OSA, [redacted]

5. Please indicate your concurrence in the release of this item by returning a signed copy of this memorandum to this Office.

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JACK C. LEDFORD
Brigadier General, USAF
Director of Special Activities

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